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TAGS: PEPR, MNUC, PARM, SW, IS
SUBJ: ISRAELI ATTACK ON IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY: SWEDISH GOVERNMENT REACTION

1. SWEDEN'S FOREIGN MINISTER OLA ULLSTEN HAS CONDEMNED ISRAEL'S AIR ATTACK ON THE NUCLEAR INSTALLATION OUTSIDE BAGHDAD.

2. THE MFA ISSUED THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE ON ULLSTEN'S STATEMENT (UNOFFICIAL MFA TRANSLATION) ON JUNE 9:
BEGIN TEXT:

"MR ULLSTEN SAID THAT ISRAEL'S AIR ATTACK ON 7 JUNE ON AN IRAQI NUCLEAR INSTALLATION NEAR BAGHDAD WAS A CLEAR BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. IN NO-CIRCUMSTANCES COULD THE ATTACK BE JUSTIFIED BY THE RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENCE, AN ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. WITH THIS AIR-RAID ISRAEL HAD EMBARKED ON AN EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS PATH, WHICH WAS LIKELY TO MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE EFFORTS TO ATTAIN A DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

MR ULLSTEN POINTED OUT THAT ATTACKS ON NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS WERE BANNED IN THE 1977 SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS. AT THE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, SWEDEN HAD ALSO ACTIVELY PUT FORWARD THE IDEA THAT THERE SHOULD BE A WIDER INTERNATIONAL BAN ON ATTACKS ON NUCELAR INSTALLATIONS. THE AIR ATTACK IN BAGHDAD AT THE WEEKEND MAKES SUCH A BAN ALL THE MORE URGENT." END TEXT.
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